

"MY HAT'S IN THE RING," SAYS TEDDY

Roosevelt Broadly Hints That He Will Fight for the Nomination.

FINAL "ANSWER" ON MONDAY

Ex-President Outlines Possible Campaign Policies in Columbus Speech.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, February 22.—In an interview given to the press here last night Theodore Roosevelt, ex-President of the United States, gave a broad hint that after all his friends have been right; that he will run again for the presidency—that is, if the Republican National convention will give him the chance.

To a reporter he said "My hat's in the ring now—the challenge is out—and I am ready. However, I'll give my final answer Monday. Then you'll all know just what to expect."

This statement taken in connection with the address made in Columbus this afternoon, is taken to indicate that the Colonel from his roost in Oyster Bay has sized up the situation and believes that the time is ripe for striking. Although he was pressed for something more definite he declined to make any further statement, but kept repeating, "On Monday. You'll have it all Monday."

The address in Columbus yesterday is regarded by politicians as exceedingly significant. It was made before the Ohio state convention on the constitution and may be regarded as outlining the Colonel's opinion of the best campaign principles from his own point of view.

Without mixing terms he advocated the direct primary for the election of U. S. senators, the short ballot, the initiative and referendum, the recall of judges in extreme cases. He declared for the protection of good corporations and the punishment of bad.

DRUNKEN PASSENGER BLAMED FOR SMASHUP

Auto Crash That Resulted Fatally Caused by Too Much Whisky.

The auto accident on the Island of Hawaii in which Purser Sheldon of the Kilauea was badly hurt and the chauffeur killed last Sunday, was caused by the drunken folly of one of the passengers, according to later reports from Hilo. The correct name of the chauffeur was Joe Martin de Santos. He has been in the employ of the Volcano Stables Company for fifteen years, and was a careful and trustworthy employee. Besides the injured persons, there were on board the auto, a man known as Manuel, a Portuguese employee of the Volcano Stables Company; Kina Kekuna, the daughter of a Hawaiian also in the auto; Herbert Newton, of Honolulu; Garden of Honouapo; and one or two others.

It is said that Garden, who was riding with the chauffeur, was under the influence of liquor. He insisted on getting the auto going at full speed, and when the driver refused to speed up the car, which was going from Waiohine to Honouapo, Garden, who is a machinist, tried to run the car himself. He kept interfering with Martin, whom he managed to bewilder considerably. He caught hold of the wheel, kicked the chauffeur's feet from the clutch, punched up the gasoline lever, and did all he could to prevent Martin from slowing down, although the car was then traveling at a rate of about thirty to forty miles an hour.

Martin became desperate and called to Manuel, who was sitting in the back seat, to come forward on the footboard and help him control the drunken man. Garden shoved Manuel away and all the driver could do was to cling to the wheel and try to keep the car on its course.

The crash came about a mile on the Honouapo side of Naalehu, when the car left the road at the foot of a steep incline and went over the embankment. It turned completely over. Nearly all the passengers were hurt. Sheldon and some of the others were taken on board the Kilauea, Martin and Kekuna were taken to the Hilo Hospital, where they were placed in the care of physicians.

PROBING DEATH OF TWO CHILDREN

Food Commissioner Blanchard is investigating the deaths of two young half-white children in Hamakua, who, according to suspicions of Doctor Taylor, government physician of the district, may have been poisoned. The doctor sent the stomachs here for analysis. It is suspected that the children died from alcohol poisoning. It is thought that they may have been allowed to drink too much wine.

RAZING THE CITIES' WALLS IN CHINA

Demolition at Hangchow and Canton to Begin Soon by the Republicans.

Work was begun on January 19 of tearing down the city wall of the Shanghai Chinese city and the work is being done with the tacit approval of practically all the Chinese residents of the city, says the China Press. The change of sentiment came only a short time ago, when there was reports that the city would be attacked by forces of the Republican army. With the possible conflict in view, residents of the city hastened to leave, believing it to be safer outside the city than to be cooped up inside the walls, where the only escape would be by the narrow gates. The flight of thousands through these gates during the period of excitement preceding the bloodless capture of the city by the Republicans destroyed practically all the opposition to the tearing down of the walls on the ground that they served as a protection to the city.

With the tearing down of the Shanghai walls the movement is expected to spread through China and already news has been received that the old walls of Hangchow and Canton will soon disappear. There is also a report that a movement is afoot at Sooshow for the tearing down of the walls, as well as at other places, but it is believed that the monumental walls of Nanking and Peking will be preserved for their historical value.

The work above mentioned began near the Taotai's yamen and a large crowd of spectators watched the bricks being torn away. Volunteer guards were stationed nearby to prevent any disorder. During the day a large number of beggars and scavengers lined the tops of the walls evidently searching for any odds and ends which might have been overlooked.

SCIENCE DESTROYS NITRATE BUGABOO

Chemist Tells Harbor Board Stuff Not So Inflammable as Feared.

Nitrate of soda is not so inflammable as the board of harbor commissioners has been led to believe, according to C. C. James, a chemist, yesterday. Jones told the board that while it might be an indirect agent in a conflagration, yet the sacking is really the dangerous part of such shipments.

The members of the board were under the impression that if a match or a cigarette stub were carelessly thrown into a cargo of nitrate of soda lying on a wharf the stuff would begin to burn and it would take all the fire departments in the Pacific to quench the blaze. The lighted match, however, might set fire to the sacking, just as it would to any cargo composed of inflammable materials.

Chemist James said the nitrate of soda melts at 500 degrees Fahrenheit, and only when it had absorbed a heat of 700 degrees Fahrenheit would it become a source of danger. Mr. James said, however, that it would be well, while a cargo of nitrate of soda was lying on a wharf to strictly enforce the rules against smoking, carrying lanterns or allowing automobiles to pass near the stuff.

Members of the board as well as spectators present at yesterday's meeting criticized the manner in which these cargoes are handled when they arrive here from South America. On being put over the sides of steamers the sacking frequently breaks and the soda scatters. To remedy this the board will require tarpaulins to be placed on the wharf.

The board will hereafter require that the shippers use better bagging to prevent bursting, and that ample notice be given so that future shipments will be handled properly on arrival here. The steamers will be allowed to work at night. It was explained the Japanese liners are allowed six days here only. If they fail to do the work in the time specified they lose a day's subsidy and are fined.

The board passed the resolution prohibiting automobiles from entering any enclosed wharf. The only exceptions will be machines used for drying, mail wagons and all motor vehicles actually engaged in drying.

J. J. Belser, representing the Honolulu Draying & Construction Company, and Frank Huestace, representing Huestace-Peck & Co., appeared before the board to ask for a modification of the rule requiring all cargoes to be removed from government wharves within a certain time. They explained that when steamers left 8,000 tons of cargo, wharf space was so restricted that drays could not move. The board decided that in future the harbor master will require that twenty feet of driveway in the center of sheds will be kept clear. On the Hackfeld wharf the block pavement driveway must not be infringed upon by freight, under any circumstances.

AFTER RIFLE SHOTS.

IOWA CITY, February 9.—Secretary of War Stimson today asked Captain M. C. Mullan, commandant at the State University of Iowa, to select the best twelve rifle shots in the United States Army, from which six will be picked to constitute the American rifle team.

JEALOUS WIFE TRIES SHOOTING AS THE BEST WAY OF SOLVING LIFE'S PROBLEMS

Mrs. Angie Neece, a telephone operator, shot herself at her home in Hilo Sunday afternoon. She is seriously wounded, but is likely to pull through. Jealousy is said to have been the motive.

Mrs. Neece is a Honolulu girl. Her husband was formerly an enlisted man at Fort Shafter, where they were married almost two years ago. She was for a while employed in the Honolulu telephone office. The Neeces went to Hilo last fall, and for several months past Mrs. Neece has been in the employ of the Hilo telephone company.

Neece's occupation, he is a conductor on the Hilo railroad, kept him away from home a great deal. Mrs. Neece, for some months past has been brooding over her relations with her husband. She complained to friends that he was particularly friendly with a certain young girl.

Neece was due to arrive at the house some time between 11 and 12 o'clock Sunday, but he did not show up, and his wife's jealousy reached its climax, and she went hunting for death.

A few weeks ago Mrs. Neece had taken a trip to Honolulu, stating that she would return to Hilo after she had seen the Floral Parade. She returned ahead of time, and Mr. Milne, who with his wife occupies part of the house

hurriedly moved out of her room. In the haste of moving he neglected to remove from a bureau drawer a heavy revolver. This gun was loaded, and was the weapon Mrs. Neece found.

Mrs. Milne, who was on the lanai, saw her pass in the room and heard the report of the gun. She rushed into the room, and found Mrs. Neece standing in front of the bureau. The girl was holding her stomach with both hands. She appears to have aimed the gun at her heart, but the trigger pull was so stiff that she must have employed both hands in holding the weapon. The bullet entered some few inches under the heart. It tore through the body, penetrating the lung.

That Mrs. Neece had been brooding over her marital troubles for some time past is the statement of those who know her well. She appears to have thought of giving up her hope several days ago. The fragments of a letter which was found in a box on the bureau, would seem to indicate this.

My Dearest Harold:
"I am leaving the house today and leaving with a heavy heart. The pain I have now is comfortable and will try to make it so always. I know it will feel dead for some time until I can get used to it. Think of me when you have a few minutes to yourself. I am alone.

Yours very truly,
"ANGIE."

SAN FRANCISCO WANTS PAN-PACIFIC LEAGUE TO MEET IN GOLDEN GATE IN 1913

Bearing an official invitation from the San Francisco 1915 Fair Commissioners and the San Francisco Convention League to the Pan-Pacific Congress to meet in San Francisco in 1913, H. R. Judah, assistant general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific Railway, at San Francisco is in Honolulu, and will shortly lay the invitation before the executive committee of the congress. Mr. Judah was delegated as the representative of the Southern Pacific Railway, to attend the congress and was not aware when he started that it had been postponed.

"I believe that the holding of the congress in San Francisco next year will greatly strengthen the organization," said Mr. Judah yesterday. "The Pan-Pacific Congress has wonderful possibilities, and by holding a meeting in San Francisco I believe it will have a strong bearing upon all matters affecting Pacific and borderland countries. If the executive committee accepts our invitation I am sure that the congress will become a strong factor in promoting the resources of the Pacific."

KOREAN TROUBLE IS UP AGAIN

C. H. Young and Seung Sung Chin, Koreans, were arrested last night upon complaint of Park Wan Kurl, another Korean and editor of Korean News, upon a charge of libel for some statements printed in the Korean Times last month. Bail was fixed in the sum of \$500 in each case by Deputy Sheriff Rose and the men secured the necessary security for their liberty.

This arrest brings up again the fight among the Koreans in Honolulu which goes back to the time Victor H. Neece committed suicide on account of things alleged to have been said and published about him by Young. Young was expelled from The National Korean Association January 2.

The matter came up some time ago but it was arranged then that Young should leave town after the trouble which occurred and everything would be all right. He is still in the city and the arrest last night is the outcome of the former trouble.

DENVER MEN AFTER BIG SCHOFIELD JOB

Three Denver contractors will bid on the construction work for the brigade post at Schofield Barracks, of which W. Frank Noot, the constructing engineer formerly at Fort Logan, and now of the department of Hawaii, is to be in charge.

The Denver bidders are Thomas H. O'Neil, the Simpson Construction Company and the Morrison Construction Company, all of whom have had active experience as government contractors. These bidders have not been fully acquainted with the details, but they have heard that the post buildings are wanted as soon as possible and they plan to send representatives here to look over the ground and ascertain the labor supply and transportation facilities. Mr. Noot's instructions are understood to have been to complete the permanent buildings as soon as possible, and also to complete the new waterworks system without unnecessary delays.

Five million dollars is the estimated cost for the buildings for the entire six regiments of infantry and the quarters for the cavalry and field artillery.

SEEKING HARMONY.

The Taft League and Kuhio forces are still endeavoring to reach an agreement. The various factions expect to reach a satisfactory basis of agreement on Friday. Meanwhile, the Republican committee is preparing to ask voters to turn out in force at all precinct meetings and the primaries in order that they may personally understand the trend of affairs. The committee believes that the voters will take an unusual interest in the political campaign this year.

ANOTHER SLIDE IN CULEBRA CUT

COLON, Panama, February 22.—With a thunderous roar that could be heard for miles the earth slid again on the side of the great Culebra cut yesterday afternoon.

Men and machines had narrow escapes from being overwhelmed by the vast mass of debris from the sides of the cutting. More than one million cubic yards of dirt now fill portions of the bottom of the cut, and in some places all signs of the work that has been going on there for so many years have been swept out of sight.

The whole face of the cut has been altered. While not disheartened the engineers declare themselves greatly disappointed, as they believed that all danger of such land slides had been provided against and that the cut was safe. They all agree in stating that there is now no certainty that more earth slides will not follow yesterday's. In fact, a number of smaller slides have already been reported and it is believed that more will come within a few hours.

WANT TO CLEAR OUT KUHIO BAY

Delegate Kuhio will be requested by the board of harbor commissioners to ask congress for an appropriation for removing shoals and other obstructions in Kuhio Bay, Hilo, to give a deep-sea approach to the proposed Hilo wharf, for which a territorial appropriation of \$200,000 is now available. The board yesterday passed a resolution which included this request of the Delegate. The resolution calls attention to the fact that the agreement between the Territory and the Hilo Railroad Company has been signed by the contracting parties, and that the wharf will not be of public use unless the dredging work is done within the next year.

SHIPPERS SEEK REFUND.

WASHINGTON, February 21.—Spokane shippers have petitioned the interstate commerce commission for the refund of \$2,000,000 due for excessive railroad charges held illegal by the commission.

HOUSTON FLAME SWEEP.

HOUSTON, Texas, February 21.—Fire today wiped out twenty-five blocks partly in the business district. Scores of cottages and manufacturing were destroyed, and 45,000 bales of cotton were burned. The loss is estimated at least \$6,000,000.

STACKABLE HAS INSIDE TRACK

Cottrill Will Campaign for Taft in Ohio and Other States—Commissioner Sure.

By Ernest G. Walker.
(Mail Special to The Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, February 7.—Secretary MacVeagh has been talking with some Honolulu people about the status of Collector of Customs Edward B. Stackable. These friends anticipated that the collector might have some opposition for renomination and wished to have a word with the secretary on the matter. The result, as far as it can be judged, is very satisfactory to the collector.

It was not an occasion where Secretary MacVeagh could be expected to declare his decision, but he listened with a deal of apparent interest to what was said in the collector's behalf. The story of the criticisms of Mr. Stackable was told, and also what he had done in ferreting out the opium frauds. It was frankly admitted that the collector had personal peculiarities, but Secretary MacVeagh said, that the important thing was the vigorous performance of official duties and he liked that characteristic in the present collector.

Some other Republicans are said to be casting envious glances at this \$4,000 office, but, as matters stand now, it looks like Mr. Stackable for another term.

Pleased With Cottrill.

The treasury department learns with much satisfaction of the record that Collector of Internal Revenue Charles A. Cottrill is making in Honolulu. His ability to make good in the face of the well understood aversion of the people of Hawaii to having an outsider come among them, is regarded as to his credit. Cottrill wants to come to the mainland during the campaign and help whip it up for President Taft's reelection. This information has been conveyed to the White House officers and there is little doubt that in due season Cottrill will be given a leave of absence that will enable him to make speeches and labor among the colored voters of Ohio and other States, where the colored vote is large.

Bad for Kilauea.

A paragraph in President Taft's special message to the house and senate the other day is not altogether encouraging for the Kilauea National Park Bill, which Delegate Kalamianalea has introduced in the house. This paragraph was an endorsement of a bureau of national parks, for which there seems to be quite a demand in some quarters. Bills for such a bureau have been offered in senate and house and urged with considerable energy. The Democrats will surely be against the Kilauea bill at this session, it is understood, for reasons of economy. There are bills pending for several other national parks, one of them introduced by Representative Baker of California a few days ago, for a Peter Lassen Park in the northern part of that State. In other quarters the argument will be made that all these national park bills should await the creation of the bureau of national parks and the opportunity to obtain expert views about the desirability of these projects. All of this is not necessarily to the prejudice of the Kilauea bill, but to the prejudice of its enactment at this economy session of congress.

Illegal Quarantine.

Some of the California congressmen here admit privately that the quarantine that their State is enforcing against Hawaii at this time, because of fear of the Mediterranean fly, is entirely illegal and that, if it were taken into the courts, could not stand for a minute. The quarantine is purely a State activity in this instance and, legally, an interference with interstate commerce, over which congress has sole authority. If the James S. Simmons' Bill, authorizing quarantine against shrubs, plants and various other products, should become law the federal government could proceed against Hawaii in a manner to prevent the possibility of the transmission of the Mediterranean fly to the Coast. That bill is still in committee but some action upon it or other similar measure is not improbable before congress adjourns.

Commissioner Sure.

A man, well known in Honolulu and on very close terms with people who have to do with Hawaiian politics, was asked today his view of the case of Governor Frear. He replied: "I am entirely confident that Governor Frear will be renominated. That has been my opinion ever since I got to Washington and had an opportunity to talk with the officials of the interior department. But I believe that Governor Frear will not be reappointed till after those six delegates from Hawaii to the Chicago convention have been chosen."

"The President promised Kuhio to send a special commissioner to Hawaii to investigate the charges against the Governor. The President will keep his word with the Delegate. Meanwhile the Delegate has gone out to Hawaii and he is entirely satisfied with the President's promise. He may be well aware that ultimately Governor Frear may be reappointed, but it is satisfactory to him that the case is held up for the time being. He may be aware that any special commissioner who goes to the islands will not report against the Governor, but, even with that knowledge, the Delegate is not dissatisfied. He is making some impression with his fight against the Governor, which thing, alone, is some gratification to him."

HOW TO PREVENT CROUP.

When given as soon as the croupy cough appears Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will ward off an attack of croup and prevent all danger and cause of anxiety. Thousands of mothers use it successfully. For sale by Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

MIDDLE WEST IN THE GRIP OF GALE

Fierce Snowstorm Sweeping Over Entire Eastern Section of Country.

TELEGRAPH WIRES ARE DOWN

Traffic Interrupted by Fifty-Mile Wind and Piles of Driven Sleet.

CHICAGO, Illinois, February 22.—What is by far the worst snowstorm of the winter is now sweeping over the entire eastern section of the country. Reports from all over the middle West indicate that no part of the northern Mississippi Valley is free from snow and high winds. In the east the temperatures are dropping with great rapidity. New York and Boston both report the mercury falling.

In the middle West where the storm has reached its height, the temperatures are still tumbling. The wind at many points is reported to have reached the fifty mile mark, and increasing in velocity. Chicago is wrapped in a mantle of frost hardened sleet and snow, and the wind here is terrific. Other cities in this part of the country are in a similar plight.

Here and elsewhere in the storm belt, all traffic is blocked. Trains are reported stalled in snow drifts. In some places the grades covered with sleet, have proved too much for the locomotives.

Communication with many sections is impossible owing to the cutting of the telegraph lines by the tremendous winds. In every direction communication is hampered and made exceedingly difficult by the snow and wind.

There has been great suffering here and in New York City on account of the cold.

All manner of transportation has been interfered with. Great icefields moving down the Hudson blocked the harbor and steamboats and other river craft were moved only with the greatest difficulty. Long Island Sound is reported a mass of floating ice, causing as much as eight and ten hours' delay to all boats between New York and New England points.

SAYS PRESIDENT DID NOT SHIELD PAYMASTER RAY

WASHINGTON, February 22.—Secretary of War Stimson yesterday forwarded the records of the department to the congressional investigating committee which is charged with probing the charges preferred against Paymaster Ray, of the United States Army. The secretary of war further stated that the records show that President Taft has never stood in the way of a full and complete investigation of the charges of an unlawful political activity on the part of the accused officer. Further than that, says the secretary, the President commended the trial of Ray in the Philippines when he was accused of having been guilty of unsoldierly conduct.

CURRENT KILLS RASH LINEMAN

K. Sato, a lineman in the employ of the Wainiha Power Co. was killed by an electric shock Friday morning near where the line crosses the Waialua stream. Sato presumably made an attempt to send a message when he received the shock which killed him. The telephone line hangs on the same poles that carry wires conveying the power from Wainiha to McBryde.

His body was found within half an hour after the accident by his helper who at once notified Manager Menefoglio. Sheriff Rice was communicated with and the body was brought to Hanalei where a coroner's inquest was held, the verdict being accidental death.

ARREST CHINESE FOR "MAKING DOPE"

Chin Go and Chin Suey were arrested yesterday afternoon by Marshal Hendry, charged with manufacturing second grade opium. These men, it is said, are members of the gang which has been engaged in making smoking opium out of opium, the scrapings of burned opium pipes. The men were found by Ralph Johnstone, deputy collector of internal revenue. The arrest was made shortly after half-past six o'clock.

FORTY-EIGHT KILLED.

CUERNAVACA, Mexico, February 22.—In an engagement here yesterday thirty-seven insurgents were killed and eleven rurales killed or wounded. The fight took place at the little town of Tlatlaya.